

BOUNDARY LINE WEST OF THE RIO GRANDE

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CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO, TO REVIVE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF JULY 29, 1882, TO SURVEY AND RELOCATE THE EXISTING BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WEST OF THE RIO GRANDE, AND TO EXTEND THE TIME FIXED IN ARTICLE VIII OF THE SAID CONVENTION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK IN QUESTION

Whereas the provisions of the Convention between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico, signed at Washington on the twenty-ninth of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two,¹ to survey and relocate the existing boundary between the two countries west of the Rio Grande, so far as they relate to Article VIII of said Convention, have not been carried out through delays in the appointment of the Commission to undertake the work;

And whereas, by the Additional Article to the said Convention, signed at Washington, the fifth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five,² the time fixed in Article VIII of the said Convention of July 29, 1882, was extended for a period of eighteen months from the expiration of the term stipulated in said Article VIII;

And whereas, the said additional period of time, as so extended, has expired without the appointment of the Commission in question, and the said

¹ TS 220, *ante*, p. 850.

² TS 229, *ante*, p. 870.

Convention has accordingly ceased to be in force pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII thereof;

And whereas, it is the wish and understanding of the United States and Mexico that the provisions of the said Convention of July 29, 1882, shall be revived and continued in force and effect until the completion of the work for which it was originally negotiated, they have appointed for this purpose, their respective Plenipotentiaries, to wit:

The President of the United States of America, Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and

The President of the United States of Mexico, Matias Romero, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of Mexico in Washington,

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I

In view of the fact that the original Convention of July 29, 1882, between the United States and Mexico, providing for the resurvey of their boundary line, has lapsed by reason of the failure of the two governments to provide for its further extension before the 3d day of January, 1889, as contemplated by the Additional Article to that Convention, of December 5, 1885, it is hereby mutually agreed and expressly understood by and between the contracting parties hereto, that the said Convention of July 29, 1882, and every article and clause thereof, are hereby revived and renewed as they stood prior to January 3, 1889.

ARTICLE II

The time fixed in Article VIII of the Convention concluded at Washington, July 29, 1882, between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico, to establish an international boundary commission for the purpose of resurveying and relocating the existing boundary line between the two countries west of the Rio Grande, as provided for in said Convention, and which was extended for eighteen months from the expiration of the term fixed in Article VIII of the said Convention of July 29, 1882, is hereby further extended for a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications hereof.

This Convention shall be ratified by the contracting parties in conformity with their respective constitutions and its ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

In faith whereof, we, the undersigned, in virtue of our respective full powers, have signed the present Convention, in duplicate, and have thereunto affixed our respective seals.

Done at the City of Washington, the 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

T. F. BAYARD [SEAL]

M. ROMERO [SEAL]